

# Engineering Data Analysis with MATLAB

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Lecture time: 08:45-10:15 am

Tutorials: 10:15-11:45 am

Lecture room: N 1039

Course language: English

- Register for the course in TUMonline – maximum number of participants 20
- Download MATLAB at <https://matlab.rbg.tum.de/>  
Using your myTUM credentials  
Guidance for installation is provided there
- Please bring your laptops with MATLAB installed

## **Lecture - contents**

- Introduction to MATLAB: Basic commands
- Working with vectors/matrices
- Basic programming tools
  
- (Descriptive) Statistics of data sets
- Graphical representation of data sets
- Statistics of pairs of data sets
- Distributions and simulation of random variables

## **Exercises - contents**

- Practical exercises to be solved in MATLAB

## **Examination: Project work**

- Groups of 2 students
- Supervised by a tutor
- Duration of project work: 6 weeks
- Students must hand in a MATLAB code and a written report
- Attendance of 3 out of 4 tutorials is required for participation

## Literature

Lecture Notes in Engineering Risk Analysis  
Part B – Elementary Data Analysis

Prof. Dr. Daniel Straub  
TU München

Probability Concepts in Engineering:  
Emphasis on Applications to Civil and  
Environmental Engineering

A.H.-S. Ang and W.H. Tang  
Wiley, 2006

<http://www.mathworks.de/help/techdoc/>

Lecture Notes in Engineering Risk Analysis  
Part Z – Annex – MATLAB

Prof. Dr. Daniel Straub  
TU München

Statistics, Probability and Reliability for  
Civil and Environmental Engineers

N.T. Kottegoda and R. Rosso  
McGraw-Hill, 1997

# Introduction to MATLAB

Why do we need programming at all?

MATLAB = **MAT**rix **LAB**oratory – developed by MathWorks

- Proprietary software
- Main purpose: solve mathematical problems and present results with graphical illustrations
- Mainly used for numerical calculations/ simulations, and data acquisition/ analysis
- Includes a number of useful toolboxes (e.g. statistics, optimization...)

# Introduction to MATLAB

## Advantages

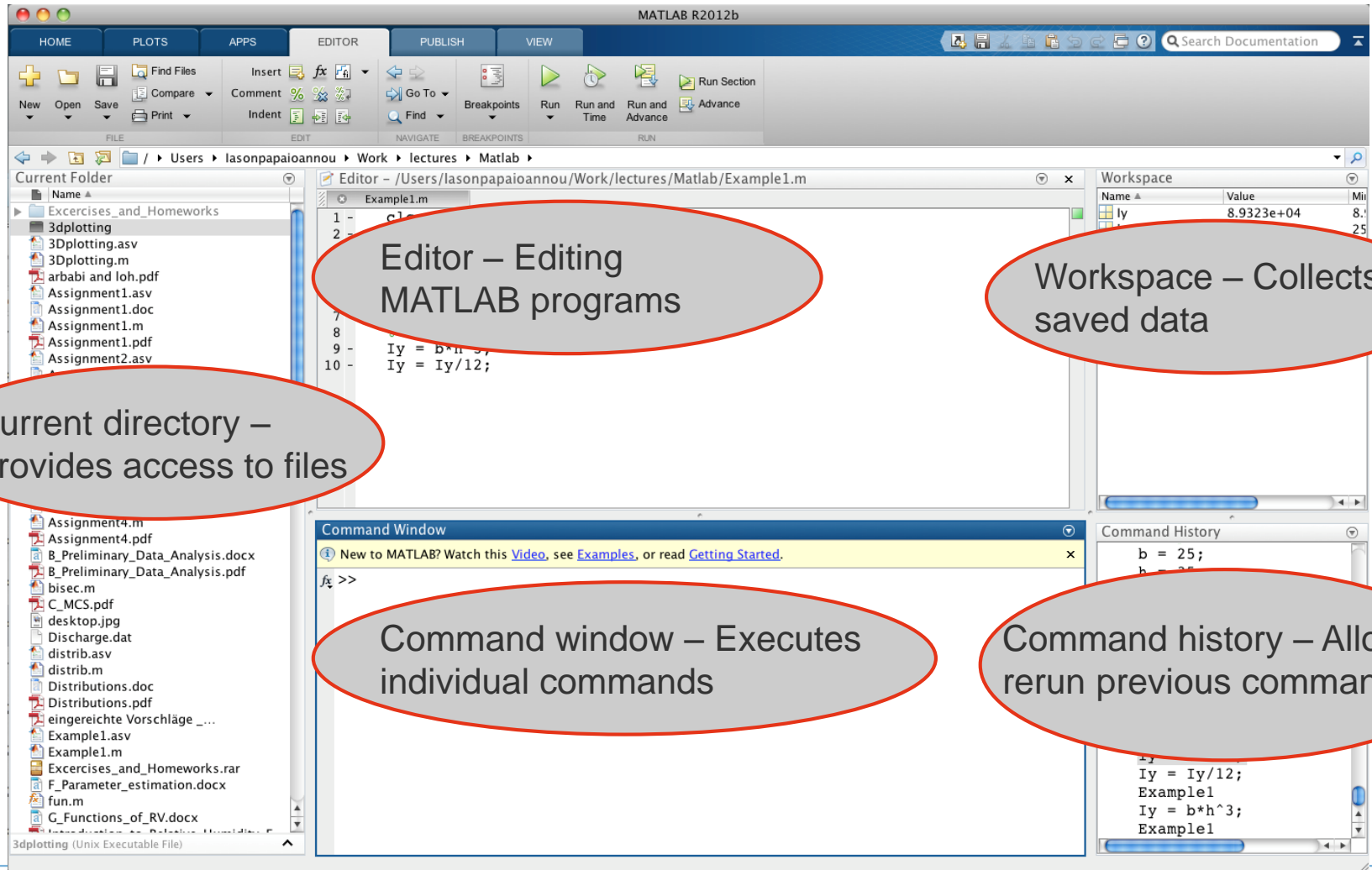
- Intuitive and easy to learn
- Fast on matrix operations
- Powerful syntax and great function library
- Good plotting options
- Easy debugging
- Additional toolboxes with functions for specific purposes

## Disadvantages

- Interpreted language, no compiling
- Not designed for word processing, internet applications, GUIs
- Costs: commercially available

Free MATLAB alternative: octave

# MATLAB desktop – working environment





## MATLAB as calculator – A very first example

=> [Example.calculator](#)

### Variables

Name convention:

- Start with letter
- Letters, numbers, underscores
- Case sensitive
- Use meaningful names!

### Assigning values to variables

Variable name = expression.

Expression may be:

- Numerical value
- Values combined with operators
- Values of other variables
- Returns from MATLAB functions
- Returns from selfmade functions

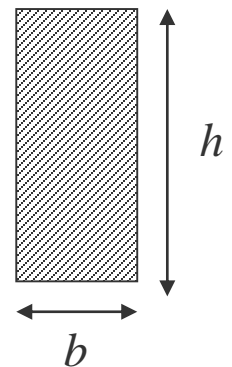
Manual change in Workspace (go to window Workspace and change value)

## MATLAB as calculator – A first example

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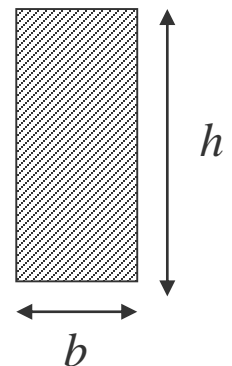
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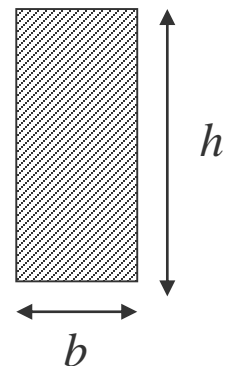
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from memory



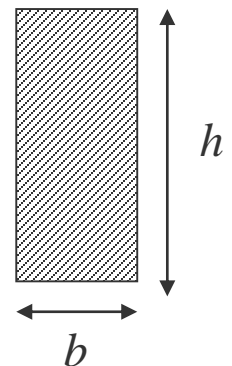
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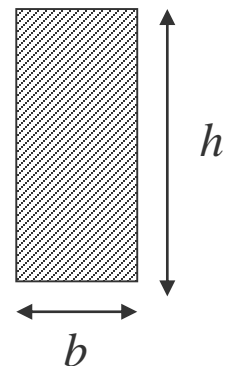
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Suppresses screen printing



## Basic commands

<code>clc</code>	Clears the command window
<code>clear all</code>	Removes all variables from memory
<code>clear var1 var2</code>	Removes variables <code>var1</code> and <code>var2</code> from memory
<code>save mydata</code>	Saves data to <code>mydata.mat</code>
<code>load mydata</code>	Loads data from <code>mydata.mat</code>
<code>whos</code>	Lists variables in memory and their sizes
<code>;</code>	Suppresses screen printing
<code>...</code>	Continuous a line
<code>%</code>	Designates a comment line
<code>help fun</code>	Displays help topics about <code>fun</code>

## Vectors

**Row vector** – Separate elements with spaces or commas

```
v = [3 1 7 -21] ;
```

**Column vector** – Separate elements with semicolons ‘;’

```
v = [3;1;7;-21] ;
```



## Vectors

### Vectors with regularly spaced elements – Colon sign ':'

```
v = [1:10] % from 1 to 10 with increments of 1 (default)
```

```
v =
```

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----

```
v = [1:2:7] % from 1 to 7 with increments of 2
```

```
v =
```

1	3	5	7
---	---	---	---

```
v = [0.5:-0.1:-0.5] % from .5 to -.5; increments of -.1
```

```
v =
```

	0.5000	0.4000	0.3000	0.2000	0.1000
0	-0.1000	-0.2000	-0.3000	-0.4000	-0.5000

# Vectors

## Transpose operator – Quote sign ‘ $\prime$ ’

```
>> v=[1:10]\'      % Column vector
```

```
v =
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
4
```

```
5
```

```
6
```

```
7
```

```
8
```

```
9
```

```
10
```

## Vectors

### Access vector elements

```
v(1)
u(3)
w = v(1:2:4); % vector elements 1 to 4 with increments of 2
```

### Vector functions

<code>length</code>	Computes number of elements
<code>linspace</code>	Creates regularly spaced vector

Example: [Vectors.m](#)

# Matrices

**Matrix** – Column of row vectors or a row of column vectors

```
A = [1 2 3;4 5 6;7 8 9];  
B = [[1;2;3] [4;5;6] [7;8;9]];
```

**Access row or column of a matrix**

```
u = A(1,:); % access all column elements of row 1  
v = A(:,2); % access all row elements of column 2
```

# Matrices

## Matrix – Add columns to Matrices

```
>> A = [1:3; 4:6; 7:9] % Or: A = reshape([1:9], 3, 3)
```

A =

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

```
>> A=[A, [-1;-1;-1]] % Add column to Matrix A
```

A =

1	2	3	-1
4	5	6	-1
7	8	9	-1

# Matrices

## Matrix – Add rows to Matrices/ Change Elements

```
>> A = [A; [-1,-1,-1,-1]]           % add row
```

```
A =
```

1	2	3	-1
4	5	6	-1
7	8	9	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1

```
>> A(3,3) = 10                       % change element
```

```
A =
```

1	2	3	-1
4	5	6	-1
7	8	10	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1

# Matrices

## Matrix – Change rows or columns

```
>> A(4,:) = [1, 1, 1, 1] % change last row - Equivalent: A(4,:)=1
```

A =

1	2	3	-1
4	5	6	-1
7	8	10	-1
1	1	1	1

```
>> A(:,4) = [1; 1; 1; 1] % change last column
```

A =

1	2	3	1
4	5	6	1
7	8	10	1
1	1	1	1

# Matrices

## Matrix – Delete rows or columns

```
>> A(4,:) = []           % delete last row
```

```
A =
```

1	2	3	-1
4	5	6	-1
7	8	10	-1

```
>> A(:,4) = []           % delete last column
```

```
A =
```

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	10



# Matrices

**Matrix operations** – All mathematical symbols perform matrix operations

```
A+B    % Adds A and B
A-B    % Subtracts B from A
A*B    % Matrix multiplication
A/B    % A*inv(B)
```

**Element-wise operators** – Put a dot in front of a mathematical symbol to perform operations on individual elements of the matrices. Matrices must be of same size

```
A.*B
A./B
A.^B
```

# Matrices

**Math functions of matrices** – Return matrices of same size with each entry specified by performing the operation at the corresponding entry of the original matrix

```
sin(A)
```

```
log(A)
```

Example: [Matrices.m](#)

# Matrices

## Matrix functions - built-in functions

<b>size</b>	Returns the size of each dimension of matrix
<b>max</b>	Returns largest element of each column
<b>min</b>	Returns smallest element of each column
<b>sort</b>	Sorts each column
<b>sum</b>	Sums each column
<b>inv</b>	Computes the inverse of a matrix
<b>'</b>	Computes the transpose of a matrix

# Matrices

## Special matrices: Identity Matrix

```
>> eye(3) % creates a 3x3 matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
1    0    0
0    1    0
0    0    1
```

```
>> eye(2,3) % creates a 2x3 matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
1    0    0
0    1    0
```

# Matrices

## Special matrices: Zeros Matrix

```
>> zeros(3) % creates a 3x3 matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
    0    0    0
    0    0    0
    0    0    0
```

```
>> zeros(2,3) % creates a 2x3 matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
    0    0    0
    0    0    0
```

# Matrices

## Special matrices: Ones Matrix

```
>> ones(3) % creates a 3x3 matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
1 1 1
1 1 1
1 1 1
```

```
>> ones(2,3) % creates a 2x3 matrix
```

```
ans =
```

```
1 1 1
1 1 1
```

## Saving the Workspace and loading data files

```
>> whos % whos displays in alphabetical order all variables in  
the currently active workspace
```

```
>> save ('myWS'); % saves workspace to myWS.mat
```

```
>> load('myWS.mat'); % loads data of myWS.mat file;
```

## MATLAB – script file versus command window

- All of the pre-built commands that you use in MATLAB are script files or functions (plot, mean, std, exp, cosd, ...)
- MATLAB allows the user to create his/her own customized m-files for specific applications or problems.
- A script file is simply a collection of executable MATLAB commands. To create a new script file, click on the New Script icon on the left side of the Home Tab.
- Save the file in an appropriate folder. When you pick a name for the file you must follow the same rules that MATLAB has for naming variables.
- Set the current directory in MATLAB to the same place where you saved the script file.
- To run the script file: Hit the Green Run Arrow in the Editor window



## Elementary Data Analysis – Descriptive statistics

- All natural and human processes are subject to variability of some kind  
=> hence there is most often uncertainty to some extent
- **Goal:** Characterization and quantification of uncertainty to understand the process
- Descriptive statistics (data analysis)
- Graphical representation of the data
- **Goal:** Choice of appropriate probabilistic distributions and their parameters for establishment of probabilistic engineering models

## Elementary Data Analysis – Descriptive statistics

- Collection of experimental (measured) data/ samples
- E.g. laboratory tests to determine water quality parameters, properties of engineering materials, soil characteristics ...

*Example: Tensile strength and Young's modulus from tests on timber specimens (provided by Lehrstuhl für Holzbau und Baukonstruktion, TUM).*

Specimen #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Tensile strength [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	37.1	36.9	40.5	46.8	37.6	30.0	29.0	27.5	30.7	43.9	29.2	28.7	18.3	34.3	35.0	58.0	20.9
Young's modulus [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	10237	6951	12242	20814	18815	13005	9886	8155	11437	11718	8348	9368	10123	11677	10770	9993	8808
Specimen #	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Tensile strength [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	26.8	18.4	34.0	28.4	35.2	27.1	38.0	28.0	30.3	54.9	55.4	32.8	39.5	19.3	54.2	23.1	50.3
Young's modulus [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	11598	9530	10669	12648	11765	12076	12950	8799	7841	12568	11830	11676	9576	8364	12574	6611	12399
Specimen #	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
Tensile strength [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	66.5	32.7	35.7	36.2	26.4	54.8	27.5	25.3	48.3	47.7	52.9	29.9	42.4	24.8	28.9	26.0	
Young's modulus [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	14024	12176	10796	11384	10330	12723	12608	7956	12886	10771	11158	9223	10457	8278	8587	9928	

## Numerical summaries of data sets

Measures of central tendencies

**Sample range** – Interval between the lowest and the largest value of the data set

`range (data)`

**Sample mean** – arithmetic mean of the  $n$  sample values  $x_i$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

`mean (data)`

**Note:** The sample mean is sensitive to outliers (unexpectedly low or high values)

## Numerical summaries of data sets

### Measures of central tendencies

**Sample median** – The value for which there is an equal number of larger and smaller samples

- Sort data in ascending order
- If the number of samples  $n$  is odd then the median is equal to the  $(n + 1)/2$  th sample
- If  $n$  is even then the median is obtained as the mean of the  $n/2$  th and the  $(n/2 + 1)$  th sample

```
median(data)
```

**Note:** The sample median is not affected by outliers

## Numerical summaries of data sets

Measures of dispersion (range, variance, standard deviation, interquantile range)

**Sample variance** – Mean of the square of differences between the samples and the sample mean

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

```
var(data)
```

**Note:** The denominator  $n - 1$  leads to an unbiased estimator of the variance

## Numerical summaries of data sets

Measures of dispersion (range, variance, standard deviation, interquantile range)

**Sample standard deviation** – Square root of the sample variance

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

```
std(data)
```

## Numerical summaries of data sets

**Sample quantiles** – Values that separate the ordered samples into  $k$  groups of equal number of samples. E.g. quartiles divide the samples into four groups of  $n/4$  samples.

**Sample percentiles** – Values below which a certain percentage of all samples lie. E.g. the 10-percentile  $x_{10}$  is the value below which 10% of samples lie

```
quantile(data,p)
```

```
prctile(data,p)
```